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In Re Application of:

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KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)

Sir:

This is a petition to withdrawal the application from issue after issue fee has been paid under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1). Applicant is requesting the above-reference patent application be withdrawn from issuance after the issue fee has been paid for the following:

1) The claims have not been examined with respect to US patent 5,812,666 to Baker et al. and US patent 6,295,359 to Cordery et al, which are material references that were cited during a recent rejection of co-pending Patent Application No. 09/608,123 by Examiner Colin of group Art unit 2136.

2) Claims 1, 9, 15, and 22 are defective because they include recitations drawn to a non-operative embodiment. Claims 1, 9, 15, and 22 currently recite that "verification keys" and "key IDs" are distributed to indicia devices. An RCE is submitted herewith along with an amendment to cancel this limitation, and to make the claims comport with the recitations of independent claim 28. More particularly, claims 1, 9, 15, and 22 are amended to recite that the "verification keys" and "key IDs" are distributed only to the establishments in the respective geographic designations.

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2120 (Sawyer Law Group LLP).

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